

GLOBAL EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS FOR GIERER-MEINHARDT SYSTEM WITH THREE EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. This paper deals with an Gierer-Meinhardt model, with three substances, formed Reaction-Diffusion system with fractional reaction. To prove global existence for solutions of this system presents difficulties at the bound- ednees of fractionar term. The purpose of this paper is to prove the existence of a global solution using a boundary fonctionel. Our technique is based on the construction of Lyapunov fonctionel.

1. Introduction

In recent years, systems of Reaction-Diffusion equations have received a great deal of attention, motivated by their widespread occurrence in models of chemical and biological phenomena. These systems are divided into celebrated classes; systems with dissipation of mass and systems of Gierer-Meinhardt. In this paper we deal with this last.

In the study of the various topics from plant developmental; Meinhardt, Koch and Bernasconi [10] proposed Activator-Inhibitor models (an example is given in section 5) to describe a theory of biological pattern formation in plants (*Phyllotaxis*).

We assume a Reaction-diffusion system with three components:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a_1 \Delta u = f(u, v, w) = \sigma - b_1 u + \frac{u^{p_1}}{v^{q_1}(w^{r_1} + c)} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - a_2 \Delta v = g(u, v, w) = -b_2 v + \frac{u^{p_2}}{v^{q_2} w^{r_2}} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - a_3 \Delta w = h(u, v, w) = -b_3 w + \frac{u^{p_3}}{v^{q_3} w^{r_3}} \end{cases} \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0,$$

with Neumann boundary conditions

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \times \{t > 0\},$$

and the initial data

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} u(0, x) = \varphi_1(x) > 0 \\ v(0, x) = \varphi_2(x) > 0 \\ w(0, x) = \varphi_3(x) > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{on } \Omega,$$

and $\varphi_i \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3$.

Here Ω is an open bounded domain of class \mathbb{C}^1 in \mathbb{R}^N , with boundary $\partial\Omega$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$ denotes the outward normal derivative on $\partial\Omega$.

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$c, , p_i, q_i, r_i$: are non negative with $\sigma, b_i, a_i > 0$, indexes for all $i = 1, 2, 3$.

$$(1.4) \quad 0 < p_1 - 1 < \max \left\{ p_2 \min \left(\frac{q_1}{q_2 + 1}, \frac{r_1}{r_2}, 1 \right), p_3 \min \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3 + 1}, \frac{q_1}{q_3}, 1 \right) \right\}.$$

Put $A_{ij} = \frac{a_i + a_j}{2\sqrt{a_i a_j}}$ for all $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. Let α, β and γ be positive constants such that where

$$\alpha > 2 \max \left\{ 1, \frac{b_2 + b_3}{b_1} \right\}, \quad (1.5)$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} > 2A_{12}^2, \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad \left(\frac{1}{2\beta} - A_{12}^2 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2\gamma} - A_{13}^2 \right) > \left(\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} A_{23} - A_{12} A_{13} \right)^2.$$

The main result of the paper reads as follows:

Theorem 1. *Suppose that the functions f, g and h are satisfying condition (1.4). Let $(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot), w(t, \cdot))$ be a solution of (1.1)-(1.3) and let:*

$$(1.8) \quad L(t) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha}(t, x)}{v^{\beta}(t, x) w^{\gamma}(t, x)} dx.$$

Then the functional L is uniformly bounded on the interval $[0, T^]$, $T^* < T_{\max}$.*

Where $T_{\max}(\|u_0\|_{\infty}, \|v_0\|_{\infty}, \|w_0\|_{\infty})$ denotes the eventual blow-up time.

Corollary 1. *Under the assumptions of theorem 1 all solutions of (1.1)-(1.3) with positive initial data in $C(\overline{\Omega})$ are global. If in addition $b_1, b_2, b_3, \sigma > 0$, then (u, v, w) are uniformly bounded in $\overline{\Omega} \times [0, \infty)$.*

2. Previous Results

The usual norms in spaces $L^p(\Omega)$, $L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ and $C(\overline{\Omega})$ are denoted respectively by:

$$\|u\|_p^p = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} |u(x)|^p dx; \quad (2.1a)$$

$$\|u\|_{\infty} = \max_{x \in \Omega} |u(x)|, \quad (2.1b)$$

$$\|u\|_{C(\overline{\Omega})} = \max_{x \in \overline{\Omega}} |u(x)|. \quad (2.1c)$$

In 1972, following an ingenious idea of Turing.A [17], Gierer.A and Meinhardt. H [10] proposed a mathematical model for pattern formations of spatial tissue structures of hydra in morphogenesis, a biological phenomenon discovered by A.Trembley in 1744 [16].It is a system of reaction-diffusion equations of the form:

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a_1 \Delta u = \sigma - \mu u + \frac{u^p}{v^q} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - a_2 \Delta v = -\nu v + \frac{u^r}{v^s} \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega, t > 0$$

with Neumann boundary conditions

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = 0, \text{ and } \frac{\partial v}{\partial \eta} = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t > 0,$$

and initial conditions

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x) > 0 \\ v(x, 0) = \varphi_2(x) > 0 \end{cases}, \quad x \in \Omega,$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a bounded domain with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, $a_1, a_2 > 0, \mu, \nu, \sigma > 0, p, q, r$ and s are non negative indexes with $p > 1$.

Global existence of solutions in $(0, \infty)$ is proved by Rothe in 1984 [14] with special cases: $p = 2, q = 1, r = 2, s = 0$ and $N = 3$. The Rothe's method cannot be applied (at least directly) to the general p, q, r, s . It is desirable to consider the p, q, r, s originally proposed by Gierer-Meinhardt. Wu and Li [8] obtained the same results for the problem (2.1)-(2.3) so long as u, v^{-1} and σ are suitably small. Mingde, Shaohua and Yuchun [11] show that the solutions of this problem are bounded all the time for each pair of initial values if

$$\frac{p-1}{r} < \frac{q}{s+1}, \quad (2.5a)$$

$$\frac{p-1}{r} < 1. \quad (2.5b)$$

Masuda. K and Takahashi. K [9] we consider a more general system for (u, v) :

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a_1 \Delta u = \sigma_1(x) - \mu u + \rho_1(x, u) \frac{u^p}{v^q} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - a_2 \Delta v = \sigma_2(x) - \nu v + \rho_2(x, u) \frac{u^r}{v^s} \end{cases}$$

with $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$, $\sigma_1 \geq 0, \sigma_2 \geq 0, \rho_1, \rho_2 \in C^1(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+^2) \cap L^\infty(\overline{\Omega} \times \mathbb{R}_+^2)$ satisfying $\rho_1 \geq 0, \rho_2 > 0$ and p, q, r, s are nonnegative constants satisfying (2.5a). Obviously, (2.4) system is a special case of (2.6) system. In 1987, Masuda. K and Takahashi. K [9] extended the result to $\frac{p-1}{r} < \frac{2}{N+2}$ under the condition $\sigma_1 > 0$. In 2006 Jiang.H [7] under the conditions (2.5a) - (2.5b), $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in W^{2,l}(\Omega), l > \max\{N, 2\}$, $\frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial \eta} = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ and $\varphi_1 \geq 0, \varphi_2 > 0$ in $\overline{\Omega}$. Then (2.6) system has a unique nonnegative global solution (u, v) satisfying (2.3)-(2.4).

3. Preliminary Observations

It is well-known that to prove global existence of solutions to (1.1) – (1.3) (see Henry [6]), it suffices to derive a uniform estimate of $\|f(u, v, w)\|_p, \|g(u, v, w)\|_p$ and $\|h(u, v, w)\|_p$ on $[0; T_{\max}[$ in the space $L^p(\Omega)$ for some $p > N/2$. Our aim is to construct polynomial Lyapunov functionals allowing us to obtain L^p - bounds on u, v and w that lead to global existence. Since the functions f, g and h are continuously differentiable on \mathbb{R}_+^3 , then for any initial data in $C(\overline{\Omega})$, it is easy to check directly their Lipschitz continuity on bounded subsets of the domain of a fractional power of the operator

$$(3.1) \quad O = - \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \Delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \Delta \end{pmatrix}.$$

Under these assumptions, the following local existence result is well known (see Friedman [3] and Pazy [13]).

Proposition 1. *The system (1.1)–(1.3) admits a unique, classical solution $(u; v; w)$ on $(0, T_{\max}] \times \Omega$.*

$$(3.2) \quad \text{If } T_{\max} < \infty \text{ then } \lim_{t \nearrow T_{\max}} (\|u(t, \cdot)\|_\infty + \|v(t, \cdot)\|_\infty + \|w(t, \cdot)\|_\infty) = \infty.$$

Remark 1. *This proposition seems to be well-known (Dan Henry [6]). Nevertheless we could not find it in the literature in the form stated here and stated in the book of Franz Rothe ([14] pp: 111-118 with proof). Usually the explosion property (3.2) is only stated for some norm involving smoothness, but not the L_∞ -norm.*

4. Proofs

For the proof of theorem 1, we need a preparatory Lemmas, which are proved in the appendix.

Lemma 1. *Assume that p, q, r, s, m , and n satisfying*

$$\frac{p-1}{r} < \min\left(\frac{q}{s+1}, \frac{m}{n}, 1\right).$$

For all $h, l, \alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$, there exist $C = C(h, l, \alpha, \beta, \gamma) > 0$ and $\theta = \theta(\alpha) \in (0, 1)$, such that

$$(4.1) \quad \alpha \frac{x^{p-1+\alpha}}{y^{q+\beta} z^{m+\gamma}} \leq \beta \frac{x^{r+\alpha}}{y^{s+1+\beta} z^{n+\gamma}} + C \left(\frac{x^\alpha}{y^\beta z^\gamma} \right)^\theta, \quad x \geq 0, y \geq h, z \geq l$$

Lemma 2. *Let $\mu, T > 0$ and $f_j = f_j(t)$ be a non-negative integrable function on $[0, T)$ and $0 < \theta_j < 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, J$). Let $W = W(t)$ be a positive function on $[0, T)$ satisfying the differential inequality*

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{dW(t)}{dt} \leq -\mu W(t) + \sum_{j=1}^J f_j(t) W^{\theta_j}(t), \quad 0 \leq t < T.$$

Then, we obtain that

$$(4.3) \quad W(t) \leq \kappa, \quad 0 \leq t < T,$$

where κ is the maximal root of the following algebraic equation:

$$(4.4) \quad x - \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\sup_{0 < t < T} \int_0^t e^{-\mu(t-\xi)} f_j(\xi) d\xi \right) x^{\theta_j} = W(0).$$

Moreover, if $T = +\infty$, then

$$\limsup_{t \nearrow \infty} W(t) \leq \kappa_\infty,$$

where κ_∞ is the maximal root of the following algebraic equation:

$$x - \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\limsup_{t \nearrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-\mu(t-\xi)} f_j(\xi) d\xi \right) x^{\theta_j} = 0.$$

Lemma 3. *Let $(u(t, \cdot), v(t, \cdot), w(t, \cdot))$ be a solution of (1.1)-(1.3), then for any (t, x) in $(0, T_{\max}] \times \Omega$ we get*

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{cases} u(t, x) \geq e^{-b_1 t} \min(\varphi_1(x)) > 0, \\ v(t, x) \geq e^{-b_2 t} \min(\varphi_2(x)) > 0, \\ w(t, x) \geq e^{-b_3 t} \min(\varphi_3(x)) > 0. \end{cases}$$

proof of theorem 1. Differentiating $L(t)$ with respect to t yields

$$\begin{aligned} L'(t) &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right) dx, \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left(\alpha \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \partial_t u - \beta \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \partial_t v - \gamma \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \partial_t w \right) dx, \end{aligned}$$

replacing $\partial_t u$, $\partial_t v$ and $\partial_t w$ with its values in (1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} L'(t) &= \int_{\Omega} \left(\begin{aligned} &a_1 \alpha \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \Delta u - a_2 \beta \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \Delta v - a_3 \gamma \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \Delta w \\ &- b_1 \alpha \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} + b_2 \beta \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} + b_3 \gamma \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \\ &+ \alpha \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma}(w^{r_1}+c)} - \beta \frac{u^{p_2+\alpha}}{v^{q_2+\beta+1} w^{r_2+\gamma}} - \gamma \frac{u^{p_3+\alpha}}{v^{q_3+\beta} w^{r_3+\gamma+1}} + \sigma \alpha \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \end{aligned} \right) dx, \\ &= I + J, \end{aligned}$$

where I contains laplacian terms and J contains the other terms

$$\begin{aligned} I &= a_1 \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \Delta u dx - a_2 \beta \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \Delta v dx - a_3 \gamma \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \Delta w dx, \\ J &= (-b_1 \alpha + b_2 \beta + b_3 \gamma) L(t) \\ &\quad + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma}(w^{r_1}+c)} dx - \beta \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_2+\alpha}}{v^{q_2+\beta+1} w^{r_2+\gamma}} dx - \gamma \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_3+\alpha}}{v^{q_3+\beta} w^{r_3+\gamma+1}} dx \\ &\quad + \sigma \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Starting with estimation of I :

Using Green's formula for terms $\int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \Delta u dx$, $\int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \Delta v dx$ and $\int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \Delta w dx$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\Omega} \left(\begin{aligned} &-a_1 \alpha (\alpha-1) \frac{u^{\alpha-2}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} |\nabla u|^2 + a_1 \alpha \beta \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \nabla u \nabla v + a_1 \alpha \gamma \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \nabla u \nabla w \\ &+ a_2 \beta \alpha \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma}} \nabla u \nabla v - a_2 \beta (\beta+1) \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+2} w^{\gamma}} |\nabla v|^2 - a_2 \beta \gamma \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma+1}} \nabla v \nabla w \\ &+ a_3 \gamma \alpha \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+1}} \nabla u \nabla w - a_3 \gamma \beta \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta+1} w^{\gamma+1}} \nabla v \nabla w - a_3 \gamma (\gamma+1) \frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma+2}} |\nabla w|^2 \end{aligned} \right) dx, \\ &= - \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{u^{\alpha-2}}{v^{\beta+2} w^{\gamma+2}} (QT) \cdot T \right] dx, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \alpha (\alpha-1) & -\alpha \beta \frac{a_1+a_2}{2} & -\alpha \gamma \frac{a_1+a_3}{2} \\ -\alpha \beta \frac{a_1+a_2}{2} & a_2 \beta (\beta+1) & \beta \gamma \frac{a_2+a_3}{2} \\ -\alpha \gamma \frac{a_1+a_3}{2} & \beta \gamma \frac{a_2+a_3}{2} & a_3 \gamma (\gamma+1) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Q is matrix of quadratic form compared to: $vw \nabla u$, $uw \nabla v$ and $uv \nabla w$, which is written in the matrix form: $T = (vw \nabla u, uw \nabla v, uv \nabla w)^t$.

Q is definite positive if, and only if all its principal successive determinants are positive. To see this, we have:

1. $\Delta_1 = a_1 \alpha (\alpha-1) > 0$. Using (1.5), we get $\Delta_1 > 0$.

2. $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 \alpha (\alpha-1) & -\alpha \beta \frac{a_1+a_2}{2} \\ -\alpha \beta \frac{a_1+a_2}{2} & a_2 \beta (\beta+1) \end{vmatrix} = \alpha^2 \beta^2 a_1 a_2 \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \frac{\beta+1}{\beta} - A_{12}^2 \right)$. Using (1.5)

and (1.6), we get $\Delta_2 > 0$.

3. Using theorem 1 in S.abdelmalek and S. Kouachi [1] we get $(\alpha-1) \Delta_3 = (\alpha-1) |Q| = \alpha (\alpha \gamma \beta)^2 a_1 a_2 a_3 \left(\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \frac{\beta+1}{\beta} - A_{12}^2 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma} - A_{13}^2 \right) - \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} A_{23} - A_{12} A_{13} \right)^2 \right)$.

Using (1.5)-(1.7), we get $\Delta_3 > 0$.

Consequently we have $I \leq 0$, $\forall (t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \Omega$.

Now we estimate J :

$$\begin{aligned} J &= (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) \\ &\quad + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma} (w^{r_1} + c)} dx - \beta \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_2+\alpha}}{v^{q_2+\beta+1} w^{r_2+\gamma}} dx - \gamma \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_3+\alpha}}{v^{q_3+\beta} w^{r_3+\gamma+1}} dx \\ &\quad + \sigma \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

According to the maximum principle, there exists C_0 dependant on φ_1, φ_2 and φ_3 such that $v, w \geq C_0 > 0$, then we have

$$\frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} = \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{v} \right)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{w} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\alpha}} \leq \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{C_0} \right)^{\frac{\beta+\gamma}{\alpha}},$$

then

$$\frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \leq C_2 \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \quad \text{where } C_2 = \left(\frac{1}{C_0} \right)^{\frac{\beta+\gamma}{\alpha}},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) \\ &\quad + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma} (w^{r_1} + c)} dx - \beta \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_2+\alpha}}{v^{q_2+\beta+1} w^{r_2+\gamma}} dx - \gamma \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{p_3+\alpha}}{v^{q_3+\beta} w^{r_3+\gamma+1}} dx \\ &\quad + \sigma \alpha \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{\alpha-1}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using lemma 1, $\forall (t, x) \in [0, T^*] \times \Omega$ we get

$$(4.6) \quad \alpha \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma} (w^{r_1} + c)} \leq \alpha \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma+r_1}} \leq \beta \frac{u^{p_2+\alpha}}{v^{q_2+\beta+1} w^{r_2+\gamma}} + C \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\theta}$$

or

$$(4.7) \quad \alpha \frac{u^{p_1+\alpha-1}}{v^{q_1+\beta} w^{\gamma+r_1}} \leq \gamma \frac{u^{p_3+\alpha}}{w^{r_3+1+\gamma} v^{q_3+\beta}} + C \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\theta}$$

Using (4.6) or (4.7) then

$$J \leq (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) + \int_{\Omega} C \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\theta} dx + \alpha \sigma \int_{\Omega} C_2 \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} dx.$$

Applying Hölder's inequality, for all t in $[0, T^*]$ we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} C \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\theta} dx \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right) dx \right)^{\theta} \left(\int_{\Omega} C^{\frac{1}{1-\theta}} dx \right)^{1-\theta},$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} C \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\theta} dx \leq C_3 L^{\theta}(t), \quad \text{where } C_3 = C |\Omega|^{1-\theta}.$$

We have

$$\int_{\Omega} C_2 \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} dx \leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{u^{\alpha}}{v^{\beta} w^{\gamma}} \right) dx \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\int_{\Omega} (C_2)^{\alpha} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} C_2 \left(\frac{u^\alpha}{v^\beta w^\gamma} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} dx \leq C_4 L^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}(t) \quad \text{where } C_4 = C_2 |\Omega|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

we get

$$J \leq (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) + C_3 L^\theta(t) + \alpha\sigma C_4 L^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}(t),$$

which implies

$$J \leq (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) + C_5 \left(L^\theta(t) + \alpha\sigma L^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}(t) \right).$$

Thus under conditions (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7), we obtain

$$L'(t) \leq (-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma) L(t) + C_5 \left(L^\theta(t) + \alpha\sigma L^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}(t) \right),$$

since $-b_1\alpha + b_2\beta + b_3\gamma < 0$ and Using lemma 2 we deduce that $L(t)$ is bounded on $(0, T_{\max}[$ ie $L(t) \leq \kappa$, where κ dependent on φ_1, φ_2 and φ_3 . \square

Proof of Corollary 1. Since $L(t)$ is bounded on $(0, T_{\max}[$ and the functions $\frac{u^{p_1}}{v^{q_1}(w^{r_1}+c)}$, $\frac{u^{p_2}}{v^{q_2}w^{r_2}}$ and $\frac{u^{p_3}}{v^{q_3}w^{r_3}}$ are in $L^\infty((0, T_{\max}), L^m(\Omega))$ for all $m > \frac{N}{2}$, then as a consequence of the arguments in Henry. D [6] or Haraux. A and Kirane. M [5] we conclude the solution of the system (1-1)-(1-7) is global and uniformly bounded on $\Omega \times (0, +\infty)$. \square

5. EXAMPLE

In this section we will examine a particular activator-inhibitor model in order to illusrate the applicability of corollary 1 and proposition 1. We assume that all reactions take place in a bounded domain Ω with a smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$.

Example 1. *The model proposed by Meinhardt, Koch and Bernasconi [10] to describe a theory of biological pattern formation in plants (Phyllotaxis), where u, v and w are the concentrations of three substances; called activator (u) and inhibitors (v and w) is:*

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - a_1 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -b_1 u + \frac{a^2}{v(w+\kappa_u)} + \sigma, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} - a_2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = -b_2 v + u^2, \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - a_3 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = -b_3 w + u, \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } x \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

Proposition 2. *Solutions of (5.1) with boundary conditions (1.2) and nonnegative uniformly bounded initial data (1.3) exist globally.*

Proof. This model is a special case of our general model (1.1), where $p_1 = 2, q_1 = 1, r_1 = 1, p_2 = 2, q_2 = 0, r_2 = 0, p_3 = 1, q_3 = 0, r_3 = 0$. These indexes realize the conditions of global existence: $\frac{p_1-1}{p_2} < \min\left(\frac{q_1}{q_2+1}, \frac{r_1}{r_2}, 1\right)$. \square

Remark 2. *The system described by equations (5.1) exhibits all the essential features of phyllotaxis.*

6. APPENDIX

The purpose of this appendix is to prove lemma 1, lemma 2 and lemma 3 in section 4 which we have used in the proof of theorem 1.

Proof of Lemma 1. For all $x \geq 0, y \geq h, z \geq l$ we have from the inequality (4.1)

$$(6.1) \quad \alpha \frac{x^{p-1}}{y^q z^m} \leq \beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} + C \left(\frac{x^\alpha}{y^\beta z^\gamma} \right)^{\theta-1}$$

and we can write

$$\alpha \frac{x^{p-1}}{y^q z^m} = \alpha \beta^{-\frac{p-1}{r}} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r}} y^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q} z^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m}.$$

For each ϵ realize: $0 < \epsilon < \min \left(\frac{q}{s+1}, \frac{m}{n}, 1 \right) - \frac{p-1}{r}$

$$\alpha \frac{x^{p-1}}{y^q z^m} = \alpha \beta^{-\frac{p-1}{r}} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r} + \epsilon} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{-\epsilon} v^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q} z^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m}.$$

Then also

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \frac{x^{p-1}}{y^q z^m} &= \alpha (\beta)^{-\frac{p-1}{r} - \epsilon} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r} + \epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{x^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{r\epsilon}{\alpha}} (y)^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q + \epsilon(s+1)} z^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m + \epsilon n}, \\ &\leq \alpha (\beta)^{-\frac{p-1}{r} - \epsilon} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r} + \epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{x^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{r\epsilon}{\alpha}} (h)^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q + \epsilon(s+1)} l^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m + \epsilon n}, \\ &\leq \alpha (\beta)^{-\frac{p-1}{r} - \epsilon} \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r} + \epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{x^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{r\epsilon}{\alpha}} (h)^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q + \epsilon(s+1)} \times \\ &\quad l^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m + \epsilon n} \left(\frac{y}{h} \right)^{\frac{\beta r \epsilon}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{z}{l} \right)^{\frac{\gamma r \epsilon}{\alpha}}, \\ &\leq C_1 \left(\beta \frac{x^r}{y^{s+1} z^n} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{r} + \epsilon} \left(\frac{y^\beta z^\gamma}{x^\alpha} \right)^{\frac{r\epsilon}{\alpha}}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

where

$$C_1 = \alpha (\beta)^{-\frac{p-1}{r} - \epsilon} h^{\frac{(s+1)(p-1)}{r} - q + \epsilon(s+1) - \frac{\beta r \epsilon}{\alpha}} l^{\frac{n(p-1)}{r} - m + \epsilon n - \frac{\gamma r \epsilon}{\alpha}}.$$

Using Young's inequality for (6.2) with taking $C = C_1^{1 + \frac{p-1+r\epsilon}{r-(p-1)-r\epsilon}}$ and $\theta = 1 - \frac{r\epsilon}{\alpha(1 - \frac{p-1}{r} - \epsilon)}$ where ϵ is sufficiently small, we get inequality (6.1). \square

Proof of Lemma 2. This lemma is proved in [Masuda.K and Takahashi. K [9], Lemma 2.2]. \square

Proof of Lemma 3. Immediate from the maximum principle. \square

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